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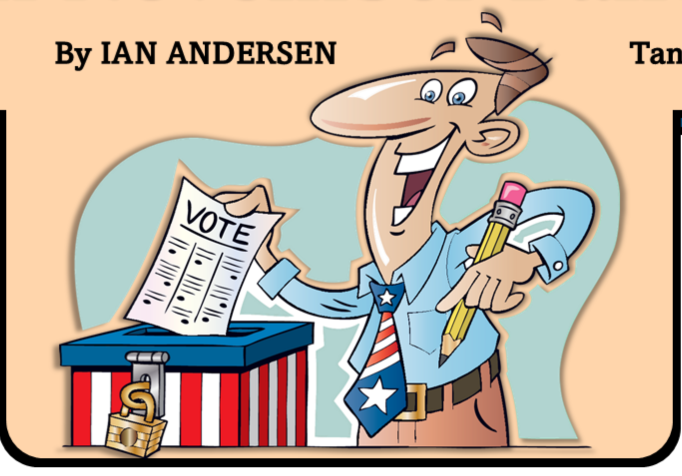
Voters Establish November Ballots on Saturday

By IAN ANDERSEN **Tangi Times Staff Writer**



Louisiana voters cast ballots Saturday in a series of party runoff elections that finalized the major-party nominees for the November general election. Headlining the interest were the statewide race for the U.S. Senate and the multi-parish Republican contest for Public Service Commission District 1.

In the Republican U.S. Senate runoff, U.S. Rep. Julia Letlow defeated State Treasurer John Fleming by a margin of 57-43 to secure the GOP nomination. Letlow, who entered the race with the endorsement of President Donald Trump, advanced after leading the May primary and expanded her margin in Saturday's runoff.

On the Democratic side, farmer Jamie Davis won a decisive 80-20 victory over Gary Crockett to claim his party's nomination for the Senate seat currently held by Sen. Bill Cassidy, who failed to advance from the May primary.

Letlow and Davis will now face each other in the November 3 general election.

The Senate contest has drawn national attention following Cassidy's defeat in the May 16 primary after garnering only 25% of the vote – paltry results for an incumbent. The heavily conservative political climate of Louisiana, in which all seven statewide elected seats are held by Republicans, paired with outward support from President Trump makes Letlow the early favorite heading into the fall campaign.

Also on Saturday's ballot was the Republican runoff for Louisiana Public Service Commission District 1, where State Rep. Stefanie Hilferty defeated former Jefferson Parish President John Young by a 62-38 majority. Hilferty's victory sends her to the November general election against Democrat Connie Norris for the largest district seat in the state.

The Public Service Commission oversees regulation of investor-owned electric, natural gas, water, and telecommunications utilities throughout Louisiana, making its elections among the state's most consequential down-ballot races.

The multi-parish Republican race for the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) was won by Joseph Cao, who was appointed to the seat in January by Governor Jeff Landry, by a narrow margin of 52-48 over Ellie Schroder. Cao will face Democrat Angela Hershey, who was unopposed in her party's primary, in November.

In local elections, voters in Tangipahoa, St. Helena, and Livingston Parishes approved millage propositions on their respective ballots.

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Growing Older, Growing Stronger

By STEFANIE BROOKE • Tangi Times Community Journalist

For decades, fitness culture had many of us chasing a smaller number on the scale. Magazine covers promised flatter stomachs, slimmer thighs, and miracle workouts guaranteed to "burn fat fast."

Today, however, the conversation is changing. More people are focusing less on getting skinny and more on getting strong.

It turns out that strength may be one of the best gifts we can give our future selves.

Strength training, also known as resistance training, includes any activity that challenges your muscles. That could mean lifting weights, using resistance bands, carrying heavy objects, or even performing bodyweight exercises such as squats and push-ups.

While building muscle may seem like something reserved for athletes and bodybuilders, researchers increasingly view it as one of the keys to healthy aging.

As we get older, our bodies naturally begin to lose muscle mass. According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), News in Health, “Dr. Roger Fielding on Strength Training for Older Adults,” research suggests that adults can lose between 3 and 8 percent of their muscle mass per decade beginning around age 30, with the rate of decline accelerating after age 60.

This loss of muscle contributes to decreased mobility, balance problems, and difficulty performing everyday tasks.

In other words, aging is not just about adding candles to the birthday cake. It is also about preserving the strength needed to carry groceries, climb stairs, open stubborn pickle jars, and get up from the couch without sounding like a creaky screen door.

The good news is that strength training can help slow or even reverse much of this decline.

A large study of more than 30,000 Americans ages 65 and older found that those who participated in strength training at least twice a week tended to live longer and maintain better overall health than those who did not. Researchers observed benefits that extended beyond muscle itself, including improved physical function and a greater likelihood of remaining active and independent as people aged.

Researchers have also discovered that muscle strength may be one of the clearest indicators of healthy aging. Studies have found that older adults with greater strength are more likely to maintain mobility, avoid disability, and continue performing everyday tasks independently.

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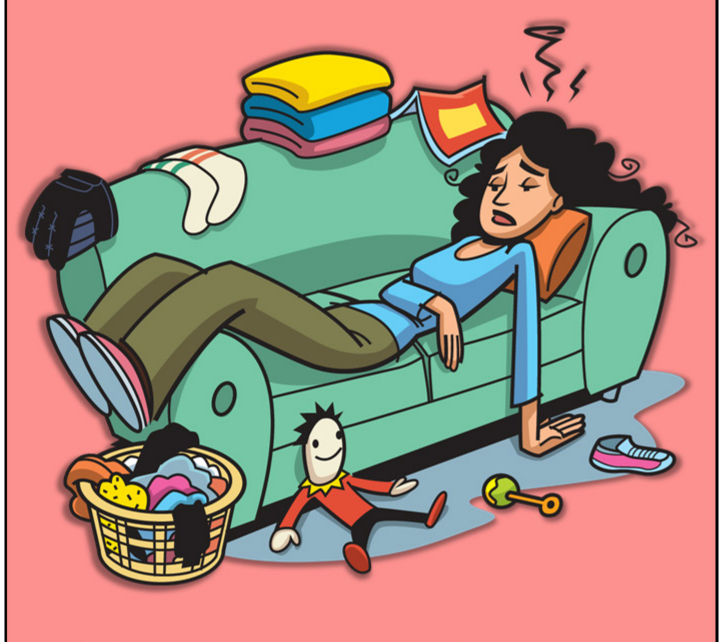
Today is Please Take My Children to Work Day



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Back in My Day

By
Burl "Two-Toes" Jenkins

Back in my day, if somebody told you the whole world was coming to America for soccer, you'd have assumed they got lost on the way to the Olympics.

Now here we are hosting the FIFA World Cup, and from what I've seen, half the international visitors seem less interested in the soccer matches than they are in discovering the strange and wonderful creatures that inhabit the American landscape. I'm talking about Buc-ee's, Bass Pro Shops, and a thing called a 64-ounce fountain drink.

Apparently European visitors have been wandering into Buc-ee's like ancient explorers stumbling upon a lost civilization. They walk through the front doors expecting a gas station and emerge three hours later carrying barbecue sandwiches, cinnamon pecans, a fishing lure, two T-shirts, and what appears to be a decorative metal rooster.

I can't blame them. The first time I walked into a Buc-ee's, I thought I'd accidentally entered a state fair that sold gasoline.

Back in my day, a gas station was one pump, a soda machine, and a fellow named Earl who looked like he'd been chewing the same toothpick since the Carter administration. If you wanted food, Earl pointed toward a package of peanuts that expired sometime during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Now these visitors are posting videos online asking why Americans have gas stations bigger than some European airports.

That's a fair question.The answer is we don't know, we've simply accepted it.

Then there's Bass Pro Shops. I saw one video where a visitor walked inside and couldn't understand why there was a waterfall, an aquarium, three stuffed bears, a fishing boat, and enough camouflage clothing to hide an entire battalion.

Friend, neither do we. We just nod and keep walking.

What really seems to be confusing folks is our portion sizes.

One European visitor reportedly ordered a medium drink and received what looked like a portable water heater with a straw sticking out of it.

Back in my day, if you ordered a soda, it came in a cup. Today it arrives in a container large enough to irrigate a soybean field.

The funniest part is watching Americans and Europeans try to explain themselves to one another.

The Europeans are asking why our stores are so big.

We're asking why they think a soccer game should end in a score of 1 to 0.

They're amazed by our giant trucks.

We're amazed they can fit an entire family into a car the size of a lawn mower.

Nobody understands anybody, but everybody's having a good time.

And maybe that's the beauty of the World Cup. Millions of people from different countries gathering together to discover that no matter where you're from, everyone enjoys good food, friendly people, and laughing at things they don't quite understand.

Although I will admit, if a visitor leaves America believing Buc-ee's is our national monument, I'm not entirely sure they're wrong.

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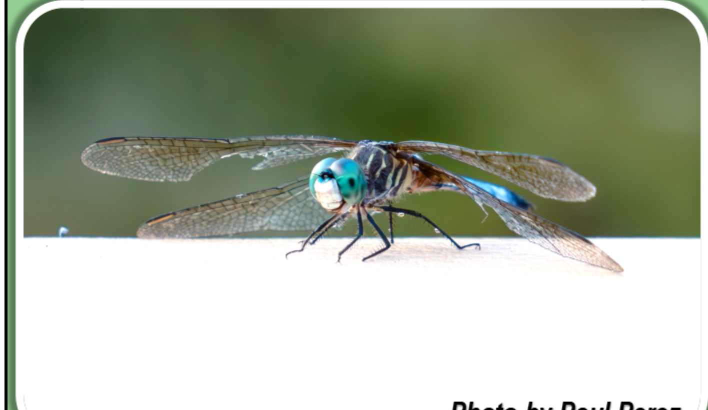

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With the best vision in the animal kingdom, the striking Dragonfly can see 360 degrees around itself. This finely detailed photograph was taken by Paul Perez in the mysterious and magnificent swamps of our Northshore region in Southeast Louisiana.

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The Tangi Times THE SCOOP

Every flavor of hometown news for your taste buds

Ponchatoula Police Chief Bry Layrisson reports that on Friday night at approximately 8:35pm, officers were advised of two four-wheelers that were being operated carelessly on the roadway near E. Oak Street. A traffic stop was conducted and both drivers, a 26- and 27-year-old, were issued a citation for "Off-road Vehicles; Permits for use on Shoulders and Highways," and both four-wheelers were towed.

Chief Layrisson reminds citizens that four wheelers are not allowed on public roadways.

ST. HELENA PARISH - There will be a full roadway closure at the LA 1047 Natalbany Creek Bridge located near LA 1047/LA 1048 intersection (.4 miles south of LA 1048 and 3 miles north of 1046) beginning Monday, June 29, 2026, at 7:00am through Wednesday, September 30, 2026, 7:00pm, while construction crews perform bridge replacement operations, weather permitting.

The following detour will be posted to avoid the road closure:

Motorists traveling LA 1047 North may take LA 1046 West to LA 441, then North to re-intersect LA 1047 East

Motorists traveling LA 1047 South may take LA 1047 West to 441 South, to LA 1046 East to re-intersect LA 1047

On June 23, 2026, at 10:40pm, Troopers with Louisiana State Police Troop L responded to a single-vehicle crash on LA Highway 40 near North Factory Road in St. Tammany Parish. The crash claimed the life of 70-year-old Wanda L. Stegeman of Folsom.

The preliminary investigation revealed that a 2017 Toyota RAV4, driven by Stegeman, was traveling west on LA Highway 40. For reasons still under investigation, the Toyota veered off the roadway and collided head-on with a tree. Following the crash, the vehicle caught fire and became fully engulfed in flames.

Stegeman, who was properly restrained, was pronounced deceased on scene. As part of the ongoing investigation, a routine toxicology sample was obtained for analysis.

Tangipahoa 911 was proud to host two days of railroad safety training for dispatchers from across our parish. Participating agencies included Kentwood Police Department, Amite City Police Dept, Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office, Southeastern University Police Department, and Ponchatoula Police Department.

A special thank you to Morris Evans with CN Police for providing an outstanding class and sharing valuable knowledge.

Cassandra Gascon-Patterson of Amite was named to the Saint Mary's College Dean's List for the Spring 2026 semester. To earn this academic honor at Saint Mary's, a student must achieve a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, have a minimum of 12 graded credit hours, no incompletes, and no grades lower than a C.

A former deputy has been arrested following a lengthy investigation into the management of the Transitional Work Release program.

Charles Burise, 76, has been booked on one count of Malfeasance in Office, Abuse of Office, Principal to the Introduction of Contraband, and Obstruction of Justice. Burise had been a TPSO deputy for 30 years before he resigned in February of this year

A year ago, following a series of contraband discoveries inside the Transitional Work Release dorm, an investigation was launched into Burise, who had been in charge of the Work Release program for more than a decade.

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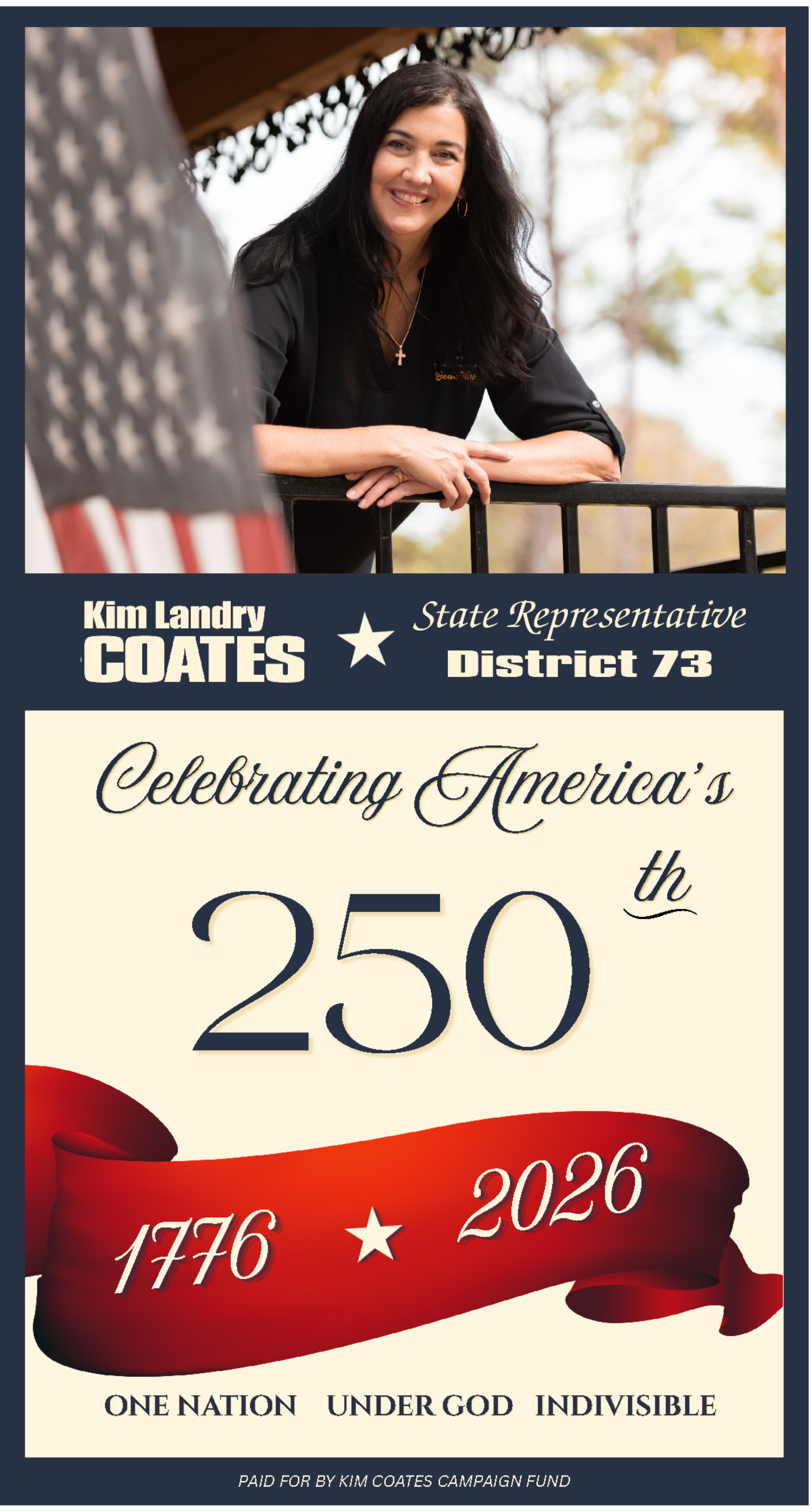
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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TOWN OF ROSELAND'S 1.0% SALES AND USE TAX ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1968

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded at the regular meeting of the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana held at Roseland, Louisiana, on the 9th day of June, 2026, due notice having been given and a quorum being present and voting, upon motion of Sandra Turner, seconded by Carollannia Johnson, and approved unanimous vote, the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana (the "Town") that:

WHEREAS, by Ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Roseland, effective January 1, 1968, the Town did levy a sales use tax of one percent (1.0%) as authorized by law ion Ordinance No. 158 (hereafter referred to as the "1968 Ordinance");

WHEREAS, during 2024 Third Extraordinary Session which adjourned on November 22, 2024, the Louisiana Legislature made major changes to state and local sales and use tax statutes, which have since been signed into law by the Governor and have an effective date of January 1, 2025;

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2025, the Town desires to revise, restate, and amend the 1968 Ordinance to clarify the interpretation and application of the 1968 Ordinance and to align the ordinal provisions with the relevant state statutes, as recently amended;

WHEREAS, the Town further desires for the 1968 Ordinance to continue to conform in all respects as originally enacted and to be, "assessed collected, paid and enforced in the same manner..." as originally intended to the extent allowed by law, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana, does hereby adopt the amendment to the 1968 Ordinance to clarify, revise and restate the ordinal terms to align and conform with the relevant statutory provisions, copies of which are attached hereto. The vote therefore being in favor, the Resolution passed and the amendment to the Ordinance was adopted.

Van L. Showers, Mayor

Attest:

Carollannia Y. Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem

Cost of notice: $29.93

AMENDMENT AND REVISION OF THE TOWN OF ROSELAND'S 1.0% SALES AND USE TAX ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1968

The Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana (referred to hereafter as the "Town") Sales and Use Tax Ordinance, adopted effective January 1, 1968, levying and imposing a sales and use tax rate of one percent (1%) is hereby revised, restated and amended in its entirety with any and all provisions conflicting herewith deemed to be repealed in their entirety.

Effective January 1, 2025, the Town desires revise, restate, and amend the 1968 Ordinance to clarify, align and conform the ordinal provisions with the Louisiana Revised Statutes, which were recently amended during the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session, to read as follows:

ORDINANCE

An ordinance of the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), the Governing Authority of the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana, levying within the geographic boundaries of the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana, a tax of one percent (1.0%), effective from and after January 1, 1968, upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and the storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and digital products, and upon the sales of services in the Town, all as provided herein; defining terms used herein; levying and providing for the assessment, collection, payment and dedication of such tax, the distribution of the proceeds thereof and the purposes for which the proceeds of said tax may be expended; providing for an adequate remedy at law, defining violations of the provisions of this ordinance and prescribing penalties thereof; providing for rules and regulations for the enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance and the collection and the collection of the tax levied thereby, providing that any part of this ordinance which may be held invalid or unconstitutional shall not affect or impair any other provisions thereof; and repealing all resolutions and ordinances or parts thereof as may conflict herewith, such tax having been authorized at a special election held in said Town on September 30, 1967.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 29 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, and an election held on September 30, 1967, the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), as its governing authority and for lawful Town purposes, is hereby authorized to levy and collect within the geographic boundaries of the Town, a one percent (1.0%) sales and use tax (the "Tax") from and after January 1, 1968, upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services as defined in applicable statutory authority, pursuant to the following most recent proposition which was approved at the election held on September 30, 1967:

SALES TAX PROPOSITION

"Shall the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana, under the provisions of Sub-Part D, Part I, Chapter 6, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R.S. 33:2711, et seq.), be authorized to levy and collect a tax of one percent (1%) upon the at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and the storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services in said Town, as defined in R.S. 47:301 to 47:317, inclusive, with the revenues derived from said sales and use tax to be dedicated and used for the purposes of opening, constructing, paving, resurfacing and improving streets, alleys, sidewalks and bridges; constructing waterworks extensions and improvements, sewers and sewerage disposal facilities; constructing and improving drains, drainage canals and sub-surface drainage; constructing and purchasing fire and/or police department stations and facilities and acquiring equipment and furnishings therefor; constructing public buildings, purchasing, constructing, acquiring and improving public parks and recreational facilities and acquiring the necessary equipment and furnishings therefor; constructing, acquiring or improving any work of permanent public improvement; purchasing and acquiring all equipment and furnishings for public works, buildings, improvements and facilities, title to which shall be in the public; and paying the general operating expenses of the Town, or for any one or more of said purposes?"

WHEREAS, in compliance with the aforesaid constitutional and statutory authority and the special election of September 30, 1967, it is the desire of this Town to provide for the levy and collection of the Tax and to provide for distribution of the proceeds thereof and other matters in connection therewith as hereinafter provided in this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE ORDAINED by the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), acting as the governing authority of the Town and for lawful Town purposes, thereof, declared that:

SECTION 1. IMPOSITION.

Pursuant to the authority of a special election held in the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana, on September 30, 1967, there is hereby levied and authorized to be collected from and after January 1, 1968, a Tax upon the sale at retail, the use, the consumption, the distribution, the storage for use or consumption, and the lease or rental of tangible personal property or digital products within the Town, and upon sales of services within the Town, as defined by law. The Uniform Local Sales Tax Code, enacted by Act 73 of the 2003 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and as it may be amended, shall apply in the assessment, collection, administration and enforcement of the Tax, the provisions of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

This Ordinance adopts by reference each and every one of the definitions set forth in Louisiana Revised Statute 47:301, as amended, and incorporates those definitions to be used herein for purposes of the interpretation, application and enforcement of the Tax.

SECTION 3. RATE OF TAX.

The Tax authorized herein from and after January 1, 1968, shall be levied and imposed as follows:

(i) At the rate of one percent (1.0%) of the sales price of each item or article of tangible personal property, when sold at retail in the Town; the tax to be computed on the total sales price for the purpose of remitting the amount of tax due the Town and to include each and every retail sale.

(ii) At the rate of one percent (1.0%) of the cost price of each item or article of tangible personal property when the same is not sold, but is used, consumed, distributed, or stored for use or consumption in the Town; provided there shall be no duplication of the tax.

(iii) At the rate of one percent (1.0%) of the gross proceeds derived from the lease or rental of tangible personal property where the lease or rental of such property is an established business, or part of an established business or the same is incidental or germane to the said business.

(iv) At the rate of one percent (1.0%) of the monthly lease or rental price paid by the lessee or rentee, or contracted or agreed to be paid by lessee or rentee, to the owner of the tangible personal property.

(v) At the rate of one percent (1.0%) of the amounts paid or charged for all enumerated taxable sales of services, as defined by law, in the Town.

(vi) At the rate of one percent (1.0%) of the sales price of each digital product, as that term is used and defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 47:301(32)(a), when sold at retail, leased or rented, or licensed in the Town; the tax to be computed in the same manner as authorized in the Louisiana Revised Statutes, as amended.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The tax shall be effective from and after January 1, 1968.

SECTION 5. TERM.

The tax shall remain in effect from and after January 1, 1968, without expiration.

SECTION 6. PURPOSES.

The proceeds of the Tax, after playing reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax, shall be dedicated and used for the purposes set forth in the proposition approved by the voters in the special election held on September 30, 1967, authorizing the Tax, which proposition is set forth in the preamble hereto.

SECTION 7. VENDOR'S COMPENSATION.

For the purpose of compensating the dealer in accounting for and remitting the tax levied herein, each dealer shall be allowed the rate of one percent (1%) of the amount of tax due thereunder and accounted for and remitted to the Collector in the form of a deduction in submitting his report and paying the amount of tax due by him; provided the amount due was not delinquent at the time of payment of the Tax.

SECTION 8. OPTIONAL EXCLUSIONS AND EXEMPTIONS.

The Town adopts none of the optional exemptions or exclusions allowed by State sales and use tax law, nor does the Town adopt any exemptions or exclusions authorized by legislation enacted under Article VI, Section 29(D)(I) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974. Included within the tax base of the Tax is every transaction, whether sales, use, lease or rental, consumption, storage or enumerated service, and digital product with no exemptions or exclusions except for those mandated upon every political subdivision by the Constitution or statutes of the State of Louisiana.

SECTION 9. INTEREST.

If the amount of Tax due by the dealer is not paid or remitted on or before the twentieth (20th) day of the month next following the month for which the Tax is due, there shall be collected with said Tax, interest upon said unpaid or unremitted amount, at the maximum allowable rate permitted by Louisiana Revised Statute 47:337.69, as may be amended. Interest shall be computed from the first day of the month following the month for which the Tax is due until it is paid. The interest obligation shall be an obligation to be collected and accounted for in the same manner as if it were a part of the Tax due and can be enforced in a separate action or in the same action for the collection of the Tax and shall not be waived or remitted.

SECTION 10. DELINQUENCY PENALTY.

In addition to any interest that may be due for Taxes not paid or remitted on or before the twentieth (20th) day of the month next following the month for which the Tax is due, there shall also be collected a penalty equivalent to five percent (5%) for each thirty days, or fraction thereof, of delinquency, not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) in aggregate, of the Tax due. The Collector shall be permitted to use its discretion in determining whether or not to waive any portion or all the penalty set forth herein.

SECTION 11. PENALTY FOR FALSE, FRAUDULENT OR GROSSLY INCORRECT RETURN.

In addition to any other penalties herein, the Town is authorized to levy and impose a penalty in accordance with La. R.S. 47:337.72, which shall be fifty percent (50%) of the amount of the Tax found due. The Collector shall be permitted to use its discretion in determining whether or not to waive any portion or all the penalty set forth herein.

SECTION 12. NEGLIGENCE PENALTY.

In addition to any other penalties authorized herein, the Town is authorized to levy and impose penalty in accordance with La. R.S. 47:337.73, which shall be five percent (5%) of the amount of the Tax found due, or ten dollars ($10.00), whichever is greater. The Collector shall be permitted to use its discretion in determining whether or not to waive any portion or all the penalty set forth herein.

SECTION 13. PENALTY FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS CHECK.

In addition to any other penalties authorized herein, the town is authorized to levy and impose a penalty in accordance with La. R.S. 47:337.74, which shall be an amount equal to the greater of one percent (1%) of the amount of the check or twenty-five dollars ($25.00). The Collector shall be permitted to use its discretion in determining whether or not to waive any portion or all the penalty set forth herein.

SECTION 14. ATTORNEY FEES.

The Collector is authorized to employ private counsel to assist in the collection of any Taxes, penalties or interest due under this Ordinance, or to represent the Town in any proceeding arising from the interpretation, application or enforcement of this Ordinance. If any Taxes, penalties or interest due under this Ordinance are referred to an attorney fee collection, an additional charge representing attorney fees, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Taxes, penalties and interest due, shall be paid by the dealer or tax debtor, in accordance with La. R.S. 47:337.13.1. The Collector shall be permitted to use its discretion in determining whether or not to waive collection from the dealer of any portion or all the attorney fee amount set forth herein.

SECTION 15. PENALTY AND AUDIT COSTS.

The Collector is authorized to employ a private auditing firm to act as the Collector's agent for purposes of auditing and determining the correct Taxes owed by any and all dealers operating in the Parish of Tangipahoa and in the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana. In addition to any other penalties authorized herein, the Town is authorized to levy and impose a specific penalty in accordance with La. R.S. 47:337.75, which shall be an amount itemized by the Collector to compensate for all costs incurred in making such examination or audit, or in holding such hearing, or in subpoenaing and compensating witnesses.

The Collector shall be permitted to use its discretion in determining whether or not to waive any portion or all the penalty set forth herein.

SECTION 16. DISTRAINT COST PENALTY.

Whenever the Collector uses the distraint procedure to enforce the collection of the Tax, there shall be imposed with respect to the Tax for the collection of which the distraint procedure is used, a specific penalty in addition to any other penalties authorized herein and as provided by R.S. 47:337.76, in the amount of ten dollars ($10.00) to compensate for the costs of the distraint procedure.

SECTION 17. LIMITS ON INTEREST, PENALTIES AND ATORNEY FEES.

Should the interest, penalties or attorney fee sections herein, or the combined interest, penalties and attorney fees be declared to be in excess of limits provided by other laws or the Louisiana Revised Statutes, including the relevant and controlling jurisprudence, then the maximum interest, penalties and attorney fees allowed by such other laws. Louisiana Revised Statutes, and/or relevant and controlling jurisprudence shall apply and be imposed herein.

SECTION 18. COLLECTOR.

The Tax levied by this Ordinance is authorized to be collected, administered and enforced by a "Collector" whose term shall be the Tangipahoa Parish School System, through its Sales & Use Tax Division.

SECTION 19. POWERS OF THE COLLECTOR.

The Collector is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to carry into effect the provisions of this Ordinance, to appoint and hire deputies, assistants, agents, or hire private contractors to assist it in the performance of its duties, and in pursuance thereof to make and enforce such rules as it may deem necessary.

SECTION 20. AGREEMENT TO COLLECT TAX ON MOTOR VEHICLES.

With regard to the collection of the Tax on any motor vehicle, automobile, truck, truck-trailer, trailer, semi-trailer, motor bus, home trailer, or any other vehicle subject to the vehicle registration license Tax (collectively, "Vehicles"), the Collector, acting through the Director of the Collector and on behalf of all taxing authorities in this Parish, including the Town, is authorized to enter into an agreement or agreements with the Vehicle Commissioner, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, and/or any other such entity that may become authorized to collect Parish Tax on Vehicles, as provided by R.S. 47:303(B).

SECTION 21. CONFLICTS WITH THE UNIFORM LOCAL SALES TAX CODE.

To the extent any of the provisions of this Ordinance are in conflict with any of the provisions of the Uniform Local Sales Tax Code found at R.S. 47:337.1, et seq., with respect to the collection, administration and enforcement of the Tax, it is the intent of the Town that the provisions of the Uniform Local Sales Tax Code, as hereafter amended, control and be applicable.

SECTION 22. SEVERABILITY.

If any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance, but this Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision had not been contained therein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this amendment and revision to the Ordinance which validates or makes legal any section of this Ordinance which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply and be incorporated into this Ordinance.

SECTION 23. EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDMENT AND REVISION.

This revision, restatement, and amendment to the 1968 Ordinance shall be in full force and effect as of January 1, 2025, being an Ordinance affecting the public peace, health and safety.

SECTION 24. PUBLICATION AND RECORDATION.

This Ordinance shall be published in one issue of the official journal of the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana, as soon as reasonably possible. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be recorded in the mortgage records of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall also be provided to the Collector to be maintained as part of its official records in connection with its duties to collect, administer and enforce this Tax.

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UPON MOTION of Katina Bates, seconded by Sandra Turner, the foregoing revised, restated and amended Ordinance was adopted by the vote of the Roseland Town Aldermen of the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana, on this 9th day of June, 2026.

The Clerk is hereby authorized, instructed and directed to record a certified copy of this revised, restated, and amended Ordinance in the official records of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, and to have such amendment published in the official journal of the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana.

WHEREUPON, the revision, restatement, and amendment were declared adopted and the above sections of the January 1, 1968 Ordinance were declared amended on this 9th day of June, 2026.

Van L. Showers, Mayor

Attest:

Carollannia Y. Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem

Cost of notice: $223.25

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TOWN OF ROSELAND'S 1.0% SALES AND USE TAX ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1982

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded at the regular meeting of the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana held at Roseland, Louisiana, on the 9th day of June, 2026, due notice having been given and a quorum being present and voting, upon motion of Katina Bates, seconded by Carollannia Johnson, and approved unanimous vote, the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana (the "Town") that:

WHEREAS, by Ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Roseland, effective July 1, 1982, the Town did levy a sales use tax of one percent (1.0%) as authorized by law ion Ordinance No. 158 (hereafter referred to as the "1982 Ordinance");

WHEREAS, during 2024 Third Extraordinary Session which adjourned on November 22, 2024, the Louisiana Legislature made major changes to state and local sales and use tax statutes, which have since been signed into law by the Governor and have an effective date of January 1, 2025;

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2025, the Town desires to revise, restate, and amend the 1968 Ordinance to clarify the interpretation and application of the 1982 Ordinance and to align the ordinal provisions with the relevant state statutes, as recently amended;

WHEREAS, the Town further desires for the 1982 Ordinance to continue to conform in all respects as originally enacted and to be, "assessed, collected, paid and enforced in the same manner..." as originally intended to the extent allowed by law, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana, does hereby adopt the amendment to the 1982 Ordinance to clarify, revise and restate the ordinal terms to align and conform with the relevant statutory provisions, copies of which are attached hereto. The vote therefore being in favor, the Resolution passed and the amendment to the Ordinance was adopted.

Van L. Showers, Mayor

Attest:

Carollannia Y. Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem

Cost of notice: $29.93

AMENDMENT AND REVISION OF THE TOWN OF ROSELAND'S 1.0% SALES AND USE TAX ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1982

The Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana (referred to hereafter as the "Town") Sales and Use Tax Ordinance, adopted effective July 1, 1982, levying and imposing a sales and use tax rate of one percent (1%) is hereby revised, restated and amended in its entirety with any and all provisions conflicting herewith deemed to be repealed in their entirety.

Effective January 1, 2025, the Town desires revise, restate, and amend the 1982 Ordinance to clarify, align and conform the ordinal provisions with the Louisiana Revised Statutes, which were recently amended during the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session, to read as follows:

ORDINANCE

An ordinance of the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), the Governing Authority of the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana, levying within the geographic boundaries of the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana, a tax of one percent (1.0%), effective from and after July 1, 1982, upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and the storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and digital products, and upon the sales of services in the Town, all as provided herein; defining terms used herein; levying and providing for the assessment, collection,

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payment and dedication of such tax, the distribution of the proceeds thereof and the purposes for which the proceeds of said tax may be expended; providing for an adequate remedy at law, defining violations of the provisions of this ordinance and prescribing penalties thereof; providing for rules and regulations for the enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance and the collection and the collection of the tax levied thereby, providing that any part of this ordinance which may be held invalid or unconstitutional shall not affect or impair any other provisions thereof; and repealing all resolutions and ordinances or parts thereof as may conflict herewith, such tax having been authorized at a special election held in said Town on April 3, 1982.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 29 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, and an election held on April 3, 1982, the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), as its governing authority and for lawful Town purposes, is hereby authorized to levy and collect within the geographic boundaries of the Town, a one percent (1.0%) sales and use tax (the "Tax") from and after July 1, 1982, upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services as defined in applicable statutory authority, pursuant to the following most recent proposition which was approved at the election held on April 3, 1982:

SALES TAX PROPOSITION

"Shall the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana, under the provisions of Sub-Part D, Part I, Chapter 6, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R.S. 33:2711, et seq.), be authorized to levy and collect a tax of one percent (1%) upon the at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and the storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services in said Town, as defined in R.S. 47:301 to 47:317, inclusive, with the revenues derived from said sales and use tax to be dedicated and used for the purposes of opening, constructing, paving, resurfacing and improving streets, alleys, sidewalks and bridges; constructing waterworks extensions and improvements, sewers and sewerage disposal facilities; constructing and improving drains, drainage canals and sub-surface drainage; constructing and purchasing fire and/or police department stations and facilities and acquiring equipment and furnishings therefor; constructing public buildings, purchasing. constructing, acquiring and improving public parks and recreational facilities and acquiring the necessary equipment and furnishings therefor; constructing, acquiring or improving any work of permanent public improvement; purchasing and acquiring all equipment and furnishings for public works, buildings, improvements and facilities, title to which shall be in the public; and paying the general operating expenses of the Town, or for any one or more of said purposes?"

WHEREAS, in compliance with the aforesaid constitutional and statutory authority and the special election of April 3, 1982, it is the desire of this Town to provide for the levy and collection of the Tax and to provide for distribution of the proceeds thereof and other matters in connection therewith as hereinafter provided in this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE ORDAINED by the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), acting as the governing authority of the Town and for lawful Town purposes, thereof, declared that:

SECTION 1. IMPOSITION.

Pursuant to the authority of a special election held in the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana, on April 3, 1982, there is hereby levied and authorized to be collected from and after July 1, 1982 a Tax upon the sale at retail, the use, the consumption, the distribution, the storage for use or consumption, and the lease or rental of tangible personal property or digital products within the Town, and upon sales of services within the Town, as defined by law. The Uniform Local Sales Tax Code, enacted by Act 73 of the 2003 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and as it may be amended, shall apply in the assessment, collection, administration and enforcement of the Tax, the provisions of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

This Ordinance adopts by reference each and every one of the definitions set forth in Louisiana Revised Statute 47:301, as amended, and incorporates those definitions to be used herein for purposes of the interpretation, application and enforcement of the Tax.

SECTION 3. RATE OF TAX.

The Tax authorized herein from and after July 1, 1982, shall be levied and imposed as follows:

(i) At the rate of one percent (1.0%) of the sales price of each item or article of tangible personal property, when sold at retail in the Town; the tax to be computed on the total sales price for the purpose of remitting the amount of tax due the Town and to include each and every retail sale.

(ii) At the rate of one percent (1.0%) of the cost price of each item or article of tangible personal property when the same is not sold, but is used, consumed, distributed, or stored for use or consumption in the Town; provided there shall be no duplication of the tax.

(iii) At the rate of one percent (1.0%) of the gross proceeds derived from the lease or rental of tangible personal property where the lease or rental of such property is an established business, or part of an established business or the same is incidental or germane to the said business.

(iv) At the rate of one percent (1.0%) of the monthly lease or rental price paid by the lessee or rentee, or contracted or agreed to be paid by lessee or rentee, to the owner of the tangible personal property.

(v) At the rate of one percent (1.0%) of the amounts paid or charged for all enumerated taxable sales of services, as defined by law, in the Town.

(vi) At the rate of one percent (1.0%) of the sales price of each digital product, as that term is used and defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 47:301(32)(a), when sold at retail, leased or rented, or licensed in the Town; the tax to be computed in the same manner as authorized in the Louisiana Revised Statutes, as amended.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The tax shall be effective from and after July 1, 1982.

SECTION 5. TERM.

The tax shall remain in effect from and after July 1, 1682, without expiration.

SECTION 6. PURPOSES.

The proceeds of the Tax, after playing reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax, shall be dedicated and used for the purposes set forth in the proposition approved by the voters in the special election held on April 3, 1982, authorizing the Tax, which proposition is set forth in the preamble hereto.

SECTION 7. VENDOR'S COMPENSATION.

For the purpose of compensating the dealer in accounting for and remitting the tax levied herein, each dealer shall be allowed the rate of one percent (1%) of the amount of tax due thereunder and accounted for and remitted to the Collector in the form of a deduction in submitting his report and paying the amount of tax due by him; provided the amount due was not delinquent at the time of payment of the Tax.

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The Town adopts none of the optional exemptions or exclusions allowed by State sales and use tax law, nor does the Town adopt any exemptions or exclusions authorized by legislation enacted under Article VI, Section 29(D)(I) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974. Included within the tax base of the Tax is every transaction, whether sales, use, lease or rental, consumption, storage or enumerated service, and digital product with no exemptions or exclusions except for those mandated upon every political subdivision by the Constitution or statutes of the State of Louisiana.

SECTION 9. INTEREST.

If the amount of Tax due by the dealer is not paid or remitted on or before the twentieth (20th) day of the month next following the month for which the Tax is due, there shall be collected with said Tax, interest upon said unpaid or unremitted amount, at the maximum allowable rate permitted by Louisiana Revised Statute 47:337.69, as may be amended. Interest shall be computed from the first day of the month following the month for which the Tax is due until it is paid. The interest obligation shall be an obligation to be collected and accounted for in the same manner as if it were a part of the Tax due and can be enforced in a separate action or in the same action for the collection of the Tax and shall not be waived or remitted.

SECTION 10. DELINQUENCY PENALTY.

In addition to any interest that may be due for Taxes not paid or remitted on or before the twentieth (20th) day of the month next following the month for which the Tax is due, there shall also be collected a penalty equivalent to five percent (5%) for each thirty days, or fraction thereof, of delinquency, not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) in aggregate, of the Tax due. The Collector shall be permitted to use its discretion in determining whether or not to waive any portion or all the penalty set forth herein.

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In addition to any other penalties herein, the Town is authorized to levy and impose a penalty in accordance with La. R.S. 47:337.72, which shall be fifty percent (50%) of the amount of the Tax found due. The Collector shall be permitted to use its discretion in determining whether or not to waive any portion or all the penalty set forth herein.

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In addition to any other penalties authorized herein, the Town is authorized to levy and impose a penalty in accordance with La. R.S. 47:337.73, which shall be five percent (5%) of the amount of the Tax found due, or ten dollars ($10.00), whichever is greater. The Collector shall be permitted to use its discretion in determining whether or not to waive any portion or all the penalty set forth herein.

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The Collector is authorized to employ private counsel to assist in the collection of any Taxes, penalties or interest due under this Ordinance, or to represent the Town in any proceeding arising from the interpretation, application or enforcement of this Ordinance. If any Taxes, penalties or interest due under this Ordinance are referred to an attorney fee collection, an additional charge representing attorney fees, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Taxes, penalties and interest due, shall be paid by the dealer or tax debtor, in accordance with La. R.S. 47:337.13.1. The Collector shall be permitted to use its discretion in determining whether or not to waive collection from the dealer of any portion or all the attorney fee amount set forth herein.

SECTION 15. PENALTY AND AUDIT COSTS.

The Collector is authorized to employ a private auditing firm to act as the Collector's agent for purposes of auditing and determining the correct Taxes owed by any and all dealers operating in the Parish of Tangipahoa and in the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana. In addition to any other penalties authorized herein, the Town is authorized to levy and impose a specific penalty in accordance with La. R.S. 47:337.75, which shall be an amount itemized by the Collector to compensate for all costs incurred in making such examination or audit, or in holding such hearing, or in subpoenaing and compensating witnesses.

The Collector shall be permitted to use its discretion in determining whether or not to waive any portion or all the penalty set forth herein.

SECTION 16. DISTRAINT COST PENALTY.

Whenever the Collector uses the distraint procedure to enforce the collection of the Tax, there shall be imposed with respect to the Tax for the collection of which the distraint procedure is used, a specific penalty in addition to any other penalties authorized herein and as provided by R.S. 47:337.76, in the amount of ten dollars ($10.00) to compensate for the costs of the distraint procedure.

SECTION 17. LIMITS ON INTEREST, PENALTIES AND ATORNEY FEES.

Should the interest, penalties or attorney fee sections herein, or the combined interest, penalties and attorney fees be declared to be in excess of limits provided by other laws or the Louisiana Revised Statutes, including the relevant and controlling jurisprudence, then the maximum interest, penalties and attorney fees allowed by such other laws. Louisiana Revised Statutes, and/or relevant and controlling jurisprudence shall apply and be imposed herein.

SECTION 18. COLLECTOR.

The Tax levied by this Ordinance is authorized to be collected, administered and enforced by a "Collector" whose term shall be the Tangipahoa Parish School System, through its Sales & Use Tax Division.

SECTION 19. POWERS OF THE COLLECTOR.

The Collector is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to carry into effect the provisions of this Ordinance, to appoint and hire deputies, assistants, agents, or hire private contractors to assist it in the performance of its duties, and in pursuance thereof to make and enforce such rules as it may deem necessary.

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SECTION 20. AGREEMENT TO COLLECT TAX ON MOTOR VEHICLES.

With regard to the collection of the Tax on any motor vehicle, automobile, truck, truck-trailer, trailer, semi-trailer, motor bus, home trailer, or any other vehicle subject to the vehicle registration license Tax (collectively, "Vehicles"), the Collector, acting through the Director of the Collector and on behalf of all taxing authorities in this Parish, including the Town, is authorized to enter into an agreement or agreements with the Vehicle Commissioner, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, and/or any other such entity that may become authorized to collect Parish Tax on Vehicles, as provided by R.S. 47:303(B).

SECTION 21. CONFLICTS WITH THE UNIFORM LOCAL SALES TAX CODE.

To the extent any of the provisions of this Ordinance are in conflict with any of the provisions of the Uniform Local Sales Tax Code found at R.S. 47:337.1, *et seq.*, with respect to the collection, administration and enforcement of the Tax, it is the intent of the Town that the provisions of the Uniform Local Sales Tax Code, as hereafter amended, control and be applicable.

SECTION 22. SEVERABILITY.

If any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance, but this Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision had not been contained therein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this amendment and revision to the Ordinance which validates or makes legal any section of this Ordinance which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply and be incorporated into this Ordinance.

SECTION 23. EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDMENT AND REVISION.

This revision, restatement, and amendment to the 1968 Ordinance shall be in full force and effect as of January 1, 2025, being an Ordinance affecting the public peace, health and safety.

SECTION 24. PUBLICATION AND RECORDATION.

This Ordinance shall be published in one issue of the official journal of the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana, as soon as reasonably possible. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be recorded in the mortgage records of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall also be provided to the Collector to be maintained as part of its official records in connection with its duties to collect, administer and enforce this Tax.

UPON MOTION of Katina Bates, seconded by Sandra Turner, the foregoing revised, restated and amended Ordinance was adopted by the vote of the Roseland Town Aldermen of the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana, on this 9th day of June, 2026.

The Clerk is hereby authorized, instructed and directed to record a certified copy of this revised, restated, and amended Ordinance in the official records of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Liouisiana, and to have such amendment published in the official journal of the Town of Roseland, State of Louisiana.

WHEREUPON, the revision, restatement, and amendment were declared adopted and the above sections of the July 1, 1982 Ordinance were declared amended on this 9th day of June, 2026.

Van L. Showers, Mayor

Attest:

Carollannia Y. Johnson, Mayor Pro-Temp

Cost of notice: $232.75

Town of Independence
Regular Meeting
June 9, 2026
5:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll call was read by Town Clerk, Julie Peterson. Present was Larry Cardaronella, Gaye Guzzardo, Eric Costa, Joe Galofaro, Mike Muscarello. Quorum was present.

3. Prayer was led by Larry Cardaronella.

4. Pledge was led by Assistant Police Chief Luke Suarez.

5. Public Input: A representative of the Tangi Times was present and gave the board a brief overview of the services that the paper provides.

6. A motion was made by Eric Costa, seconded by Mike Muscarello to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2026 Regular Meeting. Voting was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Gaye Guzzardo, Eric Costa, Joe Galofaro, Mike Muscarello.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None.
Motion to adopt minutes passed unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Eric Costa, seconded by Mike Muscarello to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026 Special Meeting. Voting was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Gaye Guzzardo, Eric Costa, Joe Galofaro, Mike Muscarello.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None.
Motion to adopt minutes passed unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Eric Costa, seconded by Joe Galofaro to approve the financial statements – budget to actual for the time period of July 2025-April 2026.
Voting was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Gaye Guzzardo, Eric Costa, Joe Galofaro, Mike Muscarello.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None.
Motion to approve financial statements passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Motion was made by Eric Costa, seconded by Joe Galofaro to adopt Ordinance #2026-1138 Amended budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026 and Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027. Voting was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Gaye Guzzardo, Eric Costa, Joe Galofaro, Mike Muscarello.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None.
Motion to approve Ordinance #2026-1138 passed unanimously.

b. Town Clerk Julie Peterson presented the board with an updated policy and procedure manual that includes language regarding Debt Service. This would clear up the agreed upon procedures finding 2025-1 from the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. A motion was made by Eric Costa, seconded by Joe Galofaro to adopt the updated policy and procedure manual. Voting was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Gaye Guzzardo, Eric Costa, Joe Galofaro, Mike Muscarello.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None.
Motion to approve the updated policy and procedure manual passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. The occupational license application for Jaypee LLC located at 267 West Railroad Ave. was discussed. After confirmation that all the required paperwork was in order a motion was made by Eric Costa, seconded by Mike Muscarello to approve the occupational license. Voting was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Gaye Guzzardo, Eric Costa, Joe Galofaro, Mike Muscarello.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None.
Motion to approve occupational license passed unanimously.

b. Jake Liuzza was present to request approval for a Peddlers License to sell produce in different areas around town. During the discussion of Ordinance #92-137 (Peddlers) Aldermen Larry Cardaronella asked to amend the agenda to include amending the current ordinance. Motion was made by Eric Costa, seconded by Joe Galofaro to amend the agenda to include amending Ordinance #92-137 as item k. under New Business. Voting was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Gaye Guzzardo, Eric Costa, Joe Galofaro, Mike Muscarello.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None.
Motion to amend the agenda passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mike Muscarello, seconded by Joe Galofaro to approve the peddlers license for Jake Liuzza at a cost of $100.00 as stated in the ordinance. Voting was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Gaye Guzzardo, Eric Costa, Joe Galofaro, Mike Muscarello.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None.
Motion to approve Peddlers License passed unanimously.

c. The Official Journal bids for Fiscal Year 7/1/26 – 6/30/27 were opened and read aloud by Town Clerk Julie Peterson. The Tangi Times submitted a bid of $5.00 per square of 100 words with publication dates of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The Hammond Star submitted a bid of $4.00 per square of 100 words with a publication date of Thursday only. A motion was made by Eric Costa, seconded by Larry Cardaronella to approve The Tangi Times as the official journal. Voting was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Gaye Guzzardo, Eric Costa, Joe Galofaro, Mike Muscarello.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None.
Motion to approve The Tangi Times as the Official Journal passed unanimously.

d. The Fiscal Agent bids for Fiscal Year 7/1/26 – 6/30/27 were opened and read aloud by Town Clerk Julie Peterson. Bids were received from First Guaranty Bank and Gulf Coast Bank & Trust Company. After some discussion on the two different banks a motion was made by Eric Costa, seconded by Mike Muscarello to approve First Guaranty Bank as the fiscal agent. Voting was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Gaye Guzzardo, Eric Costa, Joe Galofaro, Mike Muscarello.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None.
Motion to approve First Guaranty Bank as fiscal agent passed unanimously.

e. Mayor Paine informed the board of the issues that the town has been having with CivicSource which is the company that handles delinquent property tax sales. No work has been performed to date on preparing for a tax sale for the delinquent 2025 property taxes. He informed the board that the town was contacted by a company called JurisDeed Inc which would help prepare for tax sale and a company called SRI Inc would host the actual online tax sale. A motion was made by Eric Costa, seconded by Larry Cardaronella to allow Mayor Paine to sign contracts with JurisDeed Inc. and SRI Inc. for delinquent property tax sales. Voting was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Gaye Guzzardo, Eric Costa, Joe Galofaro, Mike Muscarello.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None.
Motion to approve passed unanimously.

f. Ordinance #2026-1139 Town Clerk Salary was presented to the board for review. This ordinance includes a 2% pay raise for Town Clerk Julie Peterson. Aldermen Mike Muscarello stated that he would like to see it increased to 3%. A motion was made by Eric Costa to introduce Ordinance #2026-1139. A public hearing for adoption will be held at the Regular Meeting on July 14, 2026 at 5:30pm

g. Ordinance #2026-1140 Maintenance Supervisor Salary was presented to the board for review. This ordinance includes a 3% pay raise for Maintenance Supervisor George Bickford. A motion was made by Eric Costa to introduce Ordinance #2026-1140. A public hearing for adoption will be held at the Regular Meeting on July 14, 2026 at 5:30pm.

h. Resolution #2026-1141 Resolution to amend the Town of Independence's 1.0% sales and use tax ordinance effective July 1, 1966 was presented to the board to review. After a discussion on the details of this resolution a motion was made by Eric Costa, seconded by Mike Muscarello to adopt Resolution #2026-1141. Voting was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Gaye Guzzardo, Eric Costa, Joe Galofaro, Mike Muscarello.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None.
Motion to approve passed unanimously.

i. Resolution #2026-1142 Resolution to amend the Town of Independence's 1.0% sales and use tax ordinance effective February 1, 1982 was presented to the board to review. After a discussion of the details of this resolution a motion was made by Eric Costa, seconded by Joe Galofaro to adopt Resolution #2026-1142. Voting was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Gaye Guzzardo, Eric Costa, Joe Galofaro, Mike Muscarello.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None.
Motion to approve passed unanimously.

j. Resolution #2026-1143 Resolution to amend the Town of Independence's 0.5% sales and use tax ordinance effective February 1, 2005 was presented to the board to review. After a discussion of the details of this resolution a motion was made by Eric Costa, seconded by Joe Galofaro to adopt Resolution # 2026-1143. Voting was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Gaye Guzzardo, Eric Costa, Joe Galofaro, Mike Muscarello.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None.
Motion to approve passed unanimously.

k. Aldermen Larry Cardaronella spoke on the amendments he would like to see made to the current Peddlers License Ordinance #92-137. He stated that he would like to see the wording changed to include only produce and seafood vendors selling fresh uncooked seafood. He stated he would like to see the fee amount be $50.00 per year. A motion was made by Larry Cardaronella to introduce Amended Ordinance #92-137. A public hearing for adoption will be held at the Regular Meeting on July 14, 2026 at 5:30pm.

REMARKS:
Mayor Pro Tem Larry Cardaronella: Wanted it to be clear that when Independence is mentioned in the news the majority of offenders are from outside of the city limits. Thanked Chief Edwards for his service and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He stated that he would like to see the law changed so that no one is exempt from paying sales tax since the small towns rely on their tax base to provide much needed services.

Gaye Guzzardo: Thanked Chief Edwards for all he has done for the town. Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Eric Costa: Thanked Luke for the update and thanked Mayor Paine for helping with the new police cars. He thanked Chief Edwards for his service and hopes he enjoys his retirement. Thanked all of the town staff and board members for their hard work in town.

Joe Galofaro: None.
Mike Muscarello: None.
Mayor Paine: Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He also thanked Chief Edwards for all his service to the town and hoped that the when the time comes the board will agree to appoint Luke Suarez as Police Chief.

Police: Assistant Chief Luke Suarez thanked Mayor Paine for helping get two police cars donated from the Tangipahoa Parish Sherrif's Office. Gave an update to the board of what he and Chief Edwards are going over each day at the police station. He stated that for the most part the town is a quiet however it does have a few problem areas around town and they are trying to get a security camera installed near the interstate to help with the issues that are ongoing on Highway 40 West.

Fire: Absent.

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Jim Paine, Mayor Julie Peterson, Town Clerk

Cost of notice: $144.38

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Campus Corner

By PABLO CREWES
Tangi Times Sportswriter

This week's Campus Corner closes the books on the Southeastern Louisiana University athletics 2025-26 year and looks ahead to 2026-27. On Friday, the university announced the Male and Female Athletes of the Year for the last academic year, and they both come as little surprise.

The king of the jungle for '25–'26 was Lion football standout Kaleb Proctor. The former Oak Grove Tiger spent four years in green and gold at the defensive tackle position, playing in 48 games and starting 36 of them.

While anchoring the line, Proctor tallied 134 tackles—26 of those for a loss of yards—and totaled 16 sacks, including a whopping nine last fall. Kaleb's performance in 2025 earned the 6'3", 280-pound product the Southland Conference's Player of the Year award (being only the third defensive player to achieve the honor), as well as consensus All-American honors.

In April, Proctor was selected with the 104th pick in the NFL Draft by the Arizona Cardinals (one of only two SLC players to be selected and the first of only four from the FCS to hear their names called to play at the next level).

On the women's side, a banner year by softball's Hallie Burns was capped with the Female Athlete of the Year award. The 5'3" right-hander's sophomore season saw Burns earn conference and Louisiana Pitcher of the Year honors after a 2026 campaign where she went 20-5 with a 1.68 ERA, while striking out 107 in 112 innings.

The Booneville, Mississippi, native helped lead Southeastern to its first Southland regular-season crown and a third consecutive trip to an NCAA Regional, receiving an at-large bid—the first SLC squad to do so since 2003. Burns winning the award marks the fifth straight Lady Lion softball player to receive the honor, while Proctor is the fourth gridiron standout to take the title.

Both players will be honored at a banquet on Friday, September 11, along with six other Southeastern greats and the 1976 Lion football team, who will be added to the school's Athletic Hall of Fame. The weekend wraps up with SLU hosting North Alabama in Strawberry Stadium the following evening.

That same weekend, the Lady Lion indoor volleyball team will be in action at the University Center when they host the Southeastern Showdown, according to the schedule that was released on Thursday. Year number two for Lee McBride begins with a pair of exhibitions against Xavier and Tulane in mid-August. Things get started for real with a three-match slate in the Magnolia State in the Ole Miss Invitational, August 28–30.

The next week, it's back to the Pelican State to take part in the Sawyer Camillo Memorial Classic in Lafayette, September 3–4. After a road trip to Red Stick against Southern on the 8th, it's the home debut in the aforementioned Southeastern Showdown. Charlotte, Texas Southern, and LSU will take part in the event that plays on the 11th and 13th.

A home match against UL Lafayette two days later wraps up the homestand. The final non-conference tune-ups happen at the Digs in the Desert in Las Vegas. Then things get started in the Southland with a four-match swing to the west.

League play begins at home when McNeese comes to town on October 8th.

You can see the entire schedule and look up those other four softball and three football players who have been named the Southeastern Athletes of the Year, because, let's face it… you have been wondering who they are. All of that info is easily found at lionsports.net.

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ELECTIONS

From Page 1

In Tangipahoa, a parish-wide 4-mill tax renewal to support the parish Health Unit was approved by a comfortable 58-42 margin after failing to pass in the November 2025 election.

St. Helena voters renewed a 7-mill Hospital Service District tax with an overwhelming 72-28 majority.

Voters in Livingston Parish approved a $32.00 Fire District 4 service charge with a 68-32 majority, but they struck down a 10-mill Recreation District proposition at a nearly identical margin of 67-33.

Saturday's election featured relatively light turnout, typical of Louisiana runoff elections held outside the traditional fall election calendar. Statewide turnout percentages will not be available until election results are official, but unofficial turnouts in Tangipahoa, St. Helena, and Livingston parishes were under 20%.

The exception to the low turnout rule was in Livingston Parish's Town of Killian, where more than 31% of voters showed up to approve a 1% management and beautification tax for ten years by a margin of 59-41.

With the runoffs complete, attention now shifts to the November 3 general election.

STRONGER

From Page 1

In many cases, strength appears to be a better predictor of long-term health and quality of life than body weight alone.

Strength training also helps maintain bone density, reduces the risk of falls and fractures, improves balance, supports healthy blood sugar levels, and helps people remain independent as they age. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that strength training can help older adults maintain the physical abilities needed for daily living and reduce fall risk.

The best part is that you do not need an expensive gym membership or a basement full of exercise equipment to get started.

Your home can become a surprisingly effective fitness center.

Bodyweight squats strengthen the legs and hips. Wall push-ups help build upper body strength. Step-ups on a sturdy staircase challenge balance and coordination. A gallon jug of water can serve as a dumbbell.

Resistance bands are inexpensive, portable, and effective. Even everyday activities such as gardening, carrying groceries, lifting bags of mulch, or repeatedly standing from a chair can help build functional strength.

Think of strength training as retirement planning for your muscles. Every squat, push-up, and grocery haul is a small deposit into a future account.

The dividends may show up years later when you are still hiking trails, playing with grandchildren, traveling, and living independently while your peers are struggling with mobility.

The scale may tell you how much you weigh, but it cannot tell you how easily you can rise from a chair, carry a suitcase, or enjoy an active life. Strength can.

Perhaps the goal was never to become smaller. Perhaps the goal was to become more capable.

And that is a fitness trend worth flexing about.

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Legal and Public Notices

Notice of Public Hearing
Town of Independence

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at Independence City Hall located at 583 West Railroad Ave, Independence, LA for public input on the following ordinances:

Amend Ordinance: 92-137
Peddlers original adoption date December 8, 1992

A copy of the proposed ordinance can be obtained by contacting Town Clerk Julie Peterson at 985-878-4145.

Cost of notice: $11.55

Minutes of the Board of Commissioners of Gravity Drainage District #5 of Tangipahoa Parish, La. held on Monday May 18, 2026, the regular meeting place, City Hall, 308 Ave G Kentwood, La.

The Board of Commissioners of Gravity Drainage District #5 of Tangipahoa Parish, La. met on the above date in regular session and was called to order by the Vice President, Ronald Robertson, and the following members present:

Present: Barrett Travis, Ronald Robertson, Michael Kazerooni
Absent: Donnisha Alexander, Russ Carter

The roll call showed a quorum to be present. Whereupon a motion was made by Michael Kazerooni duly seconded by Barrett Travis unanimously carried that the reading of the minutes of the meetings dated April 20, 2026, be dispensed with and that they be adopted as of record and published in the official journal.

Any public comments at this time were taken.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The Financial report on the general condition of the district was given. A motion was made by Michael Kazerooni duly seconded by Barrett Travis and unanimously carried, that the report of the Secretary Treasurer report be approved, and all bills are approved to be paid.

With no other business appearing before the board a motion was made by Barrett Travis duly seconded by Michael Kazerooni and unanimously carried the meeting adjourned.

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Ronald Robertson, Vice President

ATTEST:

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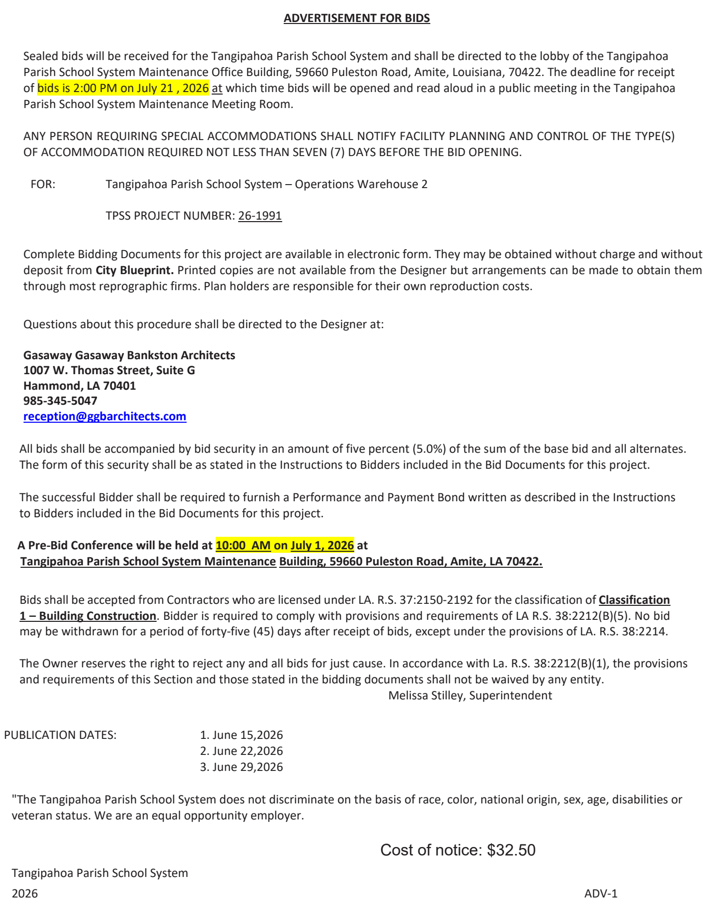
Allyce B. Cutrer
Secretary/Treasurer

Cost of notice $34.65



ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received for the Tangipahoa Parish School System and shall be directed to the lobby of the Tangipahoa Parish School System Maintenance Office Building, 59660 Puleston Road, Amite, Louisiana, 70422. The deadline for receipt of bids is 2:00 PM on July 21 , 2026 at which time bids will be opened and read aloud in a public meeting in the Tangipahoa Parish School System Maintenance Meeting Room.

ANY PERSON REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS SHALL NOTIFY FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL OF THE TYPE(S) OF ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE THE BID OPENING.

FOR: Tangipahoa Parish School System – Operations Warehouse 2

TPSS PROJECT NUMBER: 26-1991

Complete Bidding Documents for this project are available in electronic form. They may be obtained without charge and without deposit from **City Blueprint.** Printed copies are not available from the Designer but arrangements can be made to obtain them through most reprographic firms. Plan holders are responsible for their own reproduction costs.

Questions about this procedure shall be directed to the Designer at:

Gasaway Gasaway Bankston Architects
1007 W. Thomas Street, Suite G
Hammond, LA 70401
985-345-5047
reception@ggbarchitects.com

All bids shall be accompanied by bid security in an amount of five percent (5.0%) of the sum of the base bid and all alternates. The form of this security shall be as stated in the Instructions to Bidders included in the Bid Documents for this project.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond written as described in the Instructions to Bidders included in the Bid Documents for this project.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 AM on July 1, 2026 at Tangipahoa Parish School System Maintenance Building, 59660 Puleston Road, Amite, LA 70422.

Bids shall be accepted from Contractors who are licensed under LA. R.S. 37:2150-2192 for the classification of **Classification 1 – Building Construction**. Bidder is required to comply with provisions and requirements of LA R.S. 38:2212(B)(5). No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after receipt of bids, except under the provisions of LA. R.S. 38:2214.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with La. R.S. 38:2212(B)(1), the provisions and requirements of this Section and those stated in the bidding documents shall not be waived by any entity.

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1. June 15,2026
2. June 22,2026
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That investigation has revealed, so far, that Burise not only provided Work Release inmates with contraband, including cellphones, but also knowingly allowed them to obtain contraband, including cellphones, some of which ended up in the hands of inmates inside the Tangipahoa Parish Jail.

At the height of the investigation, Burise resigned from TPSO. Upon his separation, further evidence was found supporting the investigation's findings, including communication between Burise and the phone numbers associated with the contraband cellphones. Warrants were then obtained for Burise's arrest and he was taken into custody on Friday, June 26.

This investigation is active and ongoing. Anyone with additional information about Burise and/or his role over the Transitional Work Release program is asked to contact TPSO's Criminal Investigations Division at 985-902-2088.

From Northshore Media Group: The St. Tammany Parish Council is holding a special meeting tonight, Monday, June 29, to officially call a special election to fill the remainder of Sheriff Randy Smith's term — with the November 3 election date expected to be approved, with any runoff set for December 12. Candidate qualifying is scheduled for August 5-7. The election will cost the parish an estimated $12,300 for the November ballot — significantly less than an April 2027 race. A growing field of potential candidates is emerging, with former New Orleans Police Superintendent Ronal Serpas and Interim Slidell Police Chief Daniel Seuzeneau already named as interested parties. Former sheriff's deputy and DEA agent Chris Bell has publicly stated his intention to run, as have former sheriff's candidate John Gurba. Louisiana State Police Lieutenant Heath Miller, assigned to the Covington office, is also being discussed as a potential candidate. Outgoing LSP Superintendent Col. Robert Hodges, who lives in St. Tammany Parish and announced his own retirement last week, declined to confirm or deny interest, noting he is still active with State Police. Current Interim Sheriff Bret Ibert has said his focus remains on leading the agency through the transition.

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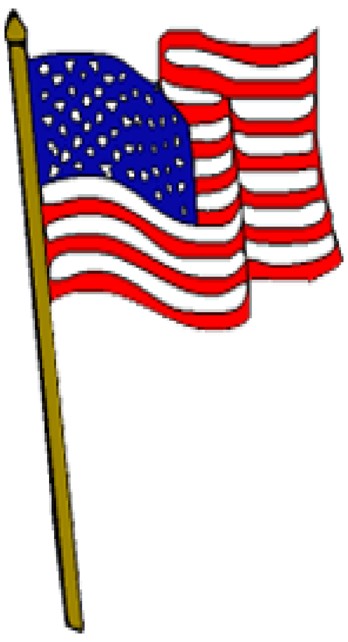

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ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you are a powerhouse this week. Your energy levels will remain steady as the days go on, and people will notice your drive. Channel this energy into something positive.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
It's your week right now, Taurus, and the stars want to indulge. Indulge in something luxurious and enjoy yourself. You have earned some pampering.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Use your gift of gab to mend a relationship issue that stemmed from a misunderstanding, Gemini. Expect some invitations to come your way and a surprise text mid-week.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
You are feeling extra sensitive to others' energy right now, Cancer. It is alright to decline social invitations to protect your peace of mind. A creative breakthrough may emerge while alone.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Don't shy away from the microphone or the spotlight, Leo. Whether it is at work or in your personal life, your charisma will be your greatest asset this week. You will be the star of the show.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Decluttering can go a long way to making you feel better, Virgo. Clear your desk to clear your mind. Once the physical chaos is gone, you may find the answer to the problem you have.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, the scales start to tip toward your personal life instead of your professional one this week. Focus on your spouse or special someone and make time for extra moments together.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Let go of a habit or a resentment that no longer serves you, Scorpio. Just like a snake sheds an old skin, you'll feel lighter and ready to tackle anything.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
You might be ready for a trip, Sagittarius. Even if you can't take a flight right now, explore a new neighborhood or try a different restaurant you've been meaning to check out.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
A small adjustment to your budget now may lead to a big payoff later on, Capricorn. Your financial discipline is a superpower this week; stick to the plan.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Others are finally catching up to all of your big ideas, Aquarius. Pitch that unconventional plan you have been holding back and you'll likely have some fans.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
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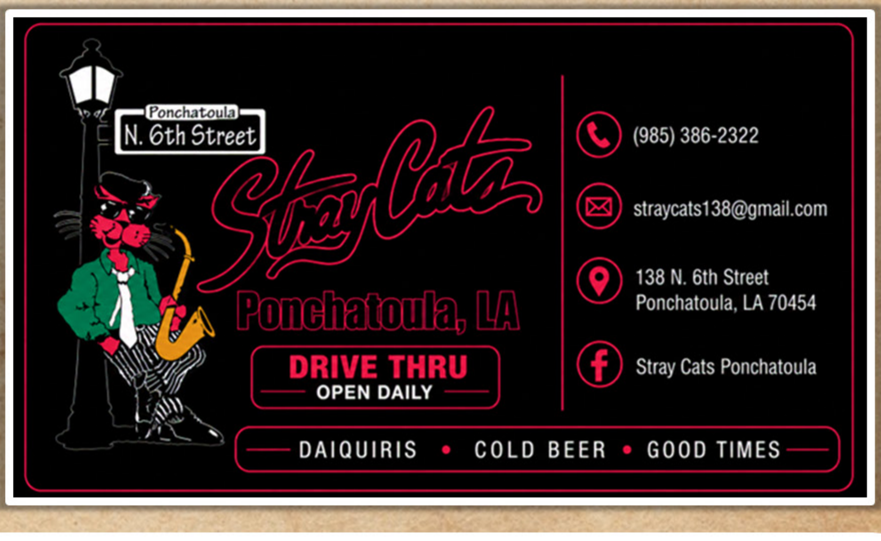
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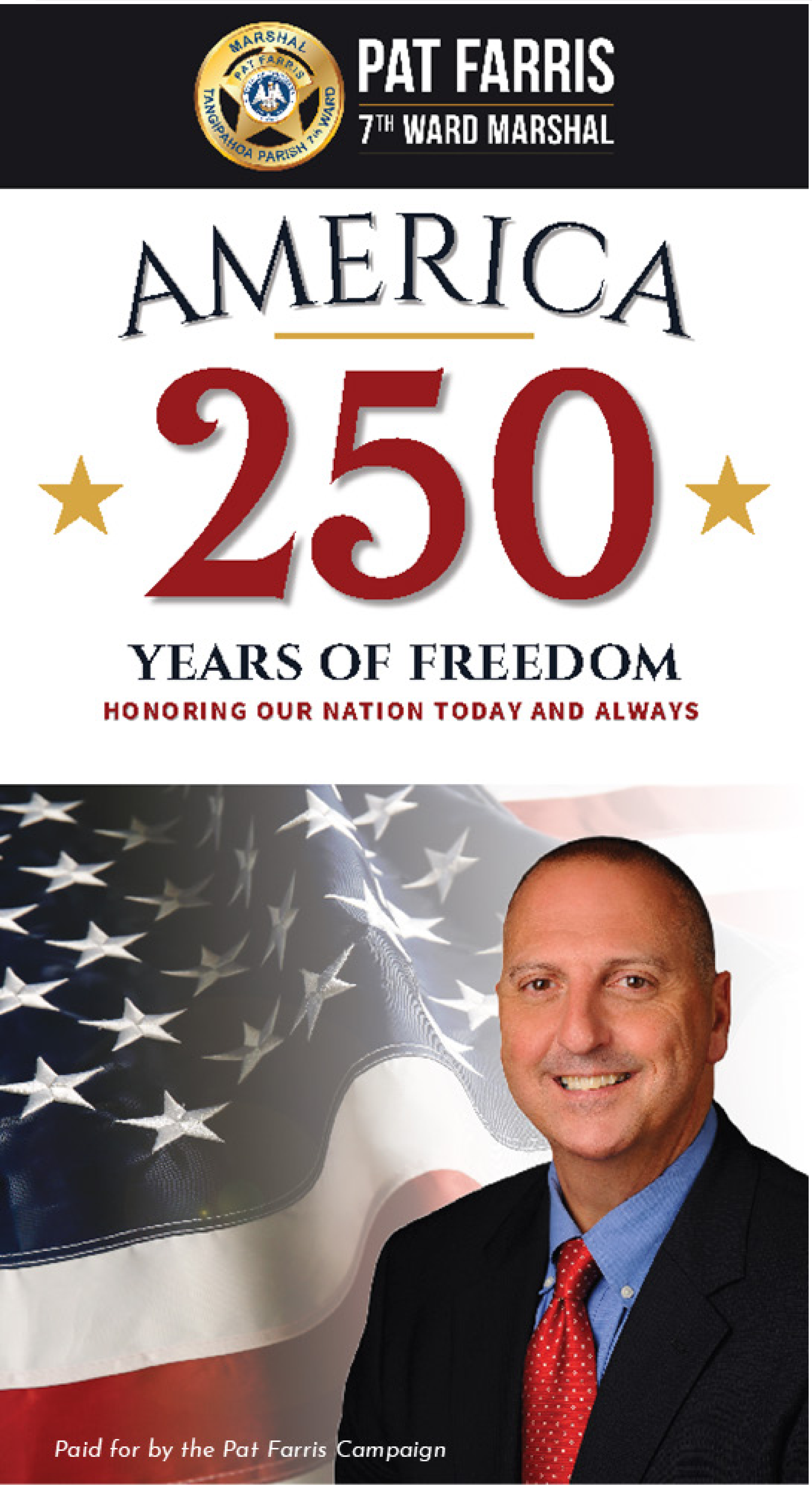
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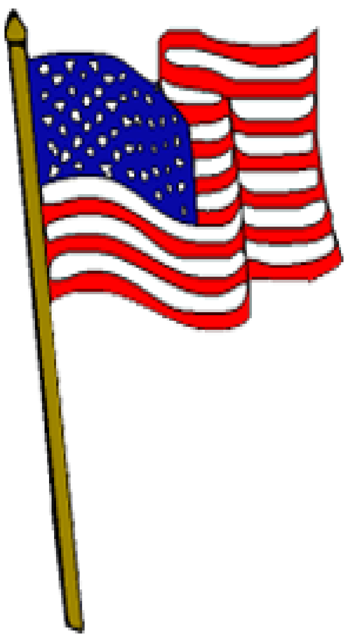

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